

399BC

Socrates tried and executed.

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Death of Socrates.  
Plato left a memorable account

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## CATAPULTS

DIONYSIUS the Elder, ruler of Greek colony of Syracuse in Sicily prepared his city for a long war with

Carthage by undertaking a research- and development program for the production of novel weapons. Out of the program came QUADRIREMES

(possibly also QUINQUEREMES). His engineers devised the first catapults

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find a few miles  
from the city  
where you could  
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AGESILAUS, king of SPARTA

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Sparta at war with Elas and  
Persian Satraps

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